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MEASURE B

When Measure B passed, funding was to be allocated for Bioterrorism and Trauma. The Auditor-Controller and Department of Health Services did not identify the formula used to earmark Measure B funds for these two categories.

The County's Fire Chief submitted a proposal to address the need for Measure B funds for bioterrorism by creating a Hazardous Materials Team. In addition, the Fire Chief's proposal also addresses the need for helicopter transportation due to the lack of trauma in the Antelope Valley area. The Department of Health Services (DHS) has not made any recommendations to allocate Measure B funds to either of these requests.

In addition, Lancaster Community and Antelope Valley Hospitals' have expressed interest in future expansion of trauma services.

The Antelope Valley is home to many industrial and aerospace companies, the threat of hazardous materials emergency incidents,

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terrorism, transports for trauma patients, and the lack of trauma hospitals makes the Antelope Valley area extremely vulnerable. The property taxpayers in the Antelope Valley have a right to have their Measure B tax dollars go into their community for bioterorism and trauma services.

It is imperative that the Department of Health Services makes every effort to address the requests from the Fire Department and discuss the possibility of expanding trauma services with Lancaster Community and Antelope Valley Hospitals.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Health Services, his Emergency Management Systems Manager, and the Fire Chief to report back on recommendations addressing the Fire Department's requests utilizing categorical Bioterorism and Trauma funds through Measure B. This includes, DHS providing a detailed report on the Measure B formula used to determine categorically fund and positions for existing Public Health Bioterorism resources.

I, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Health Services, his Emergency Management Systems Manager to work in collaboration with Lancaster Community and Antelope Valley Hospitals' to discuss what is needed to submit a comprehensive proposal to expand trauma services. This includes, DHS follow-up with these hospitals and written bi-monthly status reports to the Board on a bi-monthly basis.

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